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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The basic cause may be there. But the immediate cause for the outbreak of cholera was because some people began to take a kind of snake-like fish with groundnut cake. That was the reason for the outbreak of the disease."

9–10 a.m. SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Since the cholera season coincides with the monsoon season in Malabar and since we are just only two months before the rainy season, may I request the Hon. Minister to call for an urgent report as regards the employment position in the locality and rush in buffer stock of preventive medicine? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, I will call for a report from the District Collector."

* 204, 205 and 206 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" We can take up questions 204, 205 and 206 together."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The same answer will apply to all these questions."

Order under section 144 *in Thrithala, etc., firkas, South Malabar.*

* 204 *Q.*—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the circumstances which necessitated the promulgation of an order under section 144 recently in Mezhathur village and four other adjoining villages in Thrithala firka of Ponnani taluk; and

(*b*) what is the amount spent in enforcing this order in the said villages?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) On the 2nd February 1954, a public meeting was convened for the purpose of protesting against the alleged assault on a Harijan. While one of the Communist leaders was addressing the meeting, the person who was alleged to have assaulted the Harijan and who was also present among the audience wanted an opportunity to represent his side of the matter. He was not allowed to speak and this led to an exchange of blows between the two parties. Following this the relationship between the office bearers and supporters of the Thrithala Firka Communist Party, the Thrithala Firka Kisan Sangam and the Thrithala Harijan Club on the one side and the supporters of a local organization styled as anti-Communist front on the other became strained. Each party was preparing to hold public meetings obviously with a view to criticise the opposite party. The Second-class Magistrate, Ponnani, received information that a clash between the two groups was imminent. With a view to prevent any breach of the peace and disturbance of the public tranquillity the Magistrate promulgated an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, prohibiting the holding

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of public meetings, taking out of processions and all other forms of demonstrations within the limits of Mezhathur, Thrithala, Pattithara, Nagalasseri and Mala amsams, for a period of one month with effect from 13th February 1954.

"(*b*) It is not possible nor is it relevant to ascertain the amount spent as the Police enforce such prohibitory orders as part of their normal duties."

Order under section 144 *in Thrithala, etc., firkas, South Malabar.*

* 205 *Q.*—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether prohibitory orders under section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code have been promulgated in the villages of Thrithala firka of Ponnani taluk prohibiting meetings and processions since 13th February 1954 ; and

(*b*) if so, the necessity therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. the Chief Minister) :—"(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the Starred Question No. 204 given notice of by Sri E. T. Kunhan."

Order under section 144 *in Thrithala, etc, firkas, South Malabar.*

* 206 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Magistrate of Ponnani, South Malabar, has promulgated an order under section 144 prohibiting meetings and processions in amsams and places like Thrithala, Mezhathoor, Pattithara, Nagalasseri, etc., since 13th February 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. the Chief Minister) :—"(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to Starred Question No. 204 given notice of by Sri E. T. Kunhan."

Sri E. T. KUNHAN :—"സർ, ജനുവരി 20-ാം തിയ്യതി മേഴത്തൂർ വില്ലേജിൽ മുണ്ടി എന്ന ഹരിജൻ സ്ത്രീയേയും അവളുടെ അച്ഛനേയും വില്ലേജുദ്യോഗസ്ഥനും കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് സെക്രട്ടറിയായ രാമൻ നായർ എന്ന ആളും ചേർന്ന മർദ്ദിച്ചതിനെ പ്രതിഷേധിക്കാനായി കൂടിയ യോഗത്തിലാണ് ഈ അലങ്കോലങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായത്. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു വല്ല ആക്ഷേപങ്ങളും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ; കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു നടപടി എടുത്തു ?"

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"(Translation) Are the Government aware of the fact that on January 20th, a Harijan woman Mundi and her father Karian were severely beaten by one Raman Nair, the Congress Secretary of the place, at the instigation of the village munsif? Have the Government received any complaint with regard to that repression and, if so, what action has been taken thereon?"